

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, population-based public health measures, such as ensuring safe drinking water and safe food, communicable disease control, immunizations, cleaner air, better nutrition, health promotion and reduction of tobacco addiction have been responsible for most of the dramatic improvements in the health of our population during the past century; and

WHEREAS, now, more than ever, our public health system has a key role in the homeland security of our state; and

WHEREAS, our public health system is always working for a safer and healthier population by assisting the community with understanding health issues, protecting people from disease, preparing for public health emergencies, assuring a safe and healthy environment for people, promoting healthy living, and helping people get the health services they need; and

WHEREAS, the continued good health of all of Washington's residents depends upon the universal availability of a strong public health system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Locke, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 7 through 13, 2003, as

Public Health Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of public health and the work of the state and local network of health departments to keep communities healthy and safe in Washington State.

Signed this 20th day of March, 2003

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gary Locke".

Governor Gary Locke

